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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS PROGRAM

1. NELSON GEIGEL, A FORMER GRANTEE, IS PRESENTLY SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND PROFESSOR/RESEARCHER AT THE INSTITUTE FOR REGIONAL AND URBAN STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSIDAD SIMON BOLIVAR. HE PLANS TO VISIT THE US DECEMBER 7 TO 21 AND HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE WITH APPOINTMENTS AT WASHINGTON NEW YORK, BOSTON AND BERKELEY. GEIGEL IS DRAFTER OF PROPOSED VENEZUELAN LEGISLATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT(LEY ORGANICA DEL AMBIENTE), PRESENTLY BEFORE THE CONGRESSWHICH IS EXPECTED TOBE PASSED SHORTLY. THE NEW LEGISLATION PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND COUNCIL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, SIMILAR TO THE EPA AND CEQ IN THE U.S. IN THIS CONNECTION, DR. GEIGEL I INTERESTED IN OBTAINING INFORMATION AND DATA ON ALL LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND URBAN PLANNING.

2. THE POST WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE WITH CONTACTS AT THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS: A) WASHINGTON D.C.: COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY(DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW); B) NEW YORK: UNITED NATIONS; C) BOSTON: PROF. LARRY SUSKIND AT M.I.T. URBAN STUDIES CENTER;
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D) BERKELEY: PROFESSORS WILLIAM ALONSO AND KINSLEY DAVIS,

URBAN AND DEMOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

3. ADVISE WHOM GEIGEL SHOULD CONTACT AT THE DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 8, HE WILL BE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS IN WASHINGTON: 4300 GARRISON STREET. ESTIMATES ABOUT 3 WORKING DAYS IN WASHINGTON, 2-3 DAYS NEW YORK, 2 DAYS AT M.I.T. AND REMAINDER AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

4. BORN IN CARACAS, DECEMBER 4, 1940, GEIGEL IS A LAW GRADUATE OF UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA ANDRES BELLO, CARACAS. HOLDS TWO MASTER DEGREES FROM HARVARD--IN LAW ON U.S. GOVERNMENT GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP, AND IN CITY PLANNING. PREVIOUS POSITIONS INCLUDE ADVISOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF CORDIPLAN (VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT'S PLANNING OFFICE). IS AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND URBAN PLANNING, AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN SPECIAL VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THESE FIELDS. SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY. CLEARANCE RECEIVED. MCCLINTOCK

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